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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### FISHERY UPDATE



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#### **PETERSBURG/WRANGELL HERRING UPDATE #7**

The department conducted an aerial survey today, April 22, of the Hobart Bay/Port Houghton area between 10:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The survey conditions were good with overcast skies and light winds.

##### Ernest Sound

The final survey was completed on April 19. The cumulative miles of shoreline receiving spawn was ~5.5 nautical miles. The spawn was primarily located on the south shore of Vixen Inlet and extended south to Union Point. Spawning began on April 13 and continued through April 16. The peak day of spawning was on April 13. The R/V Kestrel completed the spawn deposition survey on April 17. There were a total of 30 pound structures and 83 permit holders on the grounds. The first herring were introduced to pounds on April 10. All pounds received herring and the spawn-on-kelp product was reported to be good. Final harvest tallies are not yet available.

##### Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

No herring schools or herring spawn were observed during today's survey of the Hobart Bay/Port Houghton area. The marine mammal activity decreased but remained high. Like previous surveys, the sea lions were concentrated in the deep off of Entrance Island. Herring activity in Farragut Bay often predates herring activity in the Hobart Bay/Port Houghton area by a few days. Farragut Bay also showed a decrease in marine mammal activity with 13 sea lions and no herring or herring spawn. The next flight is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24.

#### **2013 Survey Herring Summary**

##### Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

April 16      No herring activity, 71 sea lions, 2 whales, 100 scoters.  
April 19      No herring activity, 102 sea lions, 550 scoters.  
April 22      No herring activity, 81 seas lions, 1500 scoters.

Petersburg/Wrangell herring updates will be posted on the ADF&G web site listed below.

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